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**PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF
TIME AND FEE**

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated March 29, 2006. Enclosed is our Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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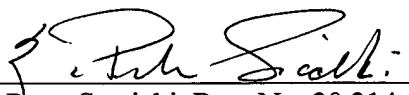
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